CENTENARY PARK

"Home of the Gents"

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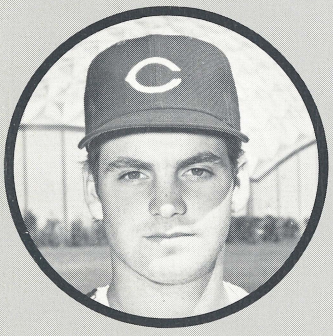
1980

COACH JAMES FARRAR



MITCH ASHMORE
Catcher
Drafted, Texas

KEN BABCOCK
Pitcher
Drafted, Oakland

BASEBALL

CENTENARY BASEBALL: The Building "Plan"

When you talk about building the baseball program at Centenary, there is more to it than the won-loss record.

"You need a first class facility," says Centenary Coach James Farrar, "and that's our goal."

Farrar has been tagged "the man with the plan" for his efforts in improving the Centenary Park facility. In two-plus years, this is what has been done:

New dugouts, new public address system, new pro-type foul poles, new 10-foot chain-link fence enclosing the park, new plywood outfield fence (10 feet high with a 20-foot backdrop in centerfield), new park entrance, new box seats, refurbished batting cage, new walkways in front of dugouts, new drainage, new scoreboard, new flag pole, new (red) astroturf coverings for coaches' boxes, fungo circles and on-deck batting circles, new practice screens, new outfield fence advertising.

The "plan" doesn't stop. Farrar is seeking a new lighting system, new bleacher seating and a clubhouse near the home dugout.

It's a lot of little things and some big ones," says Farrar. "But it all adds up to having a program of which the community can be proud."

Centenary's Gents Club, the booster organization for athletics which has over 600 members (almost double the previous year's total), plays a big part in supporting Centenary Baseball. "We can't do it without their generosity," says Farrar.

CENTENARY COLLEGE FACTS

LOCATION ..... Shreveport, LA 71104
FOUNDED 1825
AFFILIATION ..... United Methodist Church
PRESIDENT ..... Dr. Donald A. Webb
DEAN ..... Dr. Dorothy Gwin
ENROLLMENT 960
TEAM NICKNAME ..... Gentlemen
COLORS ..... Cardinal and White
CONFERENCE ..... Trans America (NCAA, Division I)
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ..... Floyd Horgen
BASEBALL COACH ..... Dr. James C. Farrar
BASEBALL TRAINER - EQUIPMENT MANAGER ..... Carl Liesmann
STUDENT, SPORTS INFORMATION ..... Patrick Booras
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PHONE ..... (318) 869-5275
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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADDRESS ..... P.O. Box 4188, Shreveport, LA 71104

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THE OUTLOOK:
If the Pitchers Deliver . . .

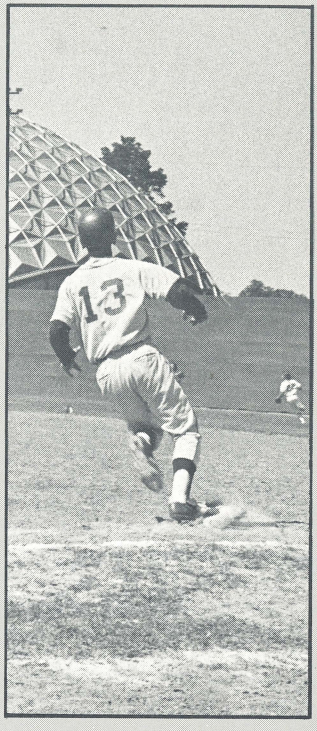
On the surface, it is only natural to believe Centenary will improve its baseball record over last season's 28-19.

Practically the entire team returns—only two seniors, both starters, graduated—and there are some promising additions.

Yet this is a club that, in Coach James Farrar's words, "didn't play up to its capabilities last year. Of the 19 losses, we made gifts of something like eight games."

So the year's experience and maturity is something that will have to be measured.

"The mental aspect of the game is important for us," reasons Farrar. "We have enough physical ability to improve ourselves. But we'll have to set some goals and we need to have enough confidence to stay with it when things are bad."



Looking at Gent prospects, it sounds like a broken record . . . "The key to our season is if the pitchers can throw strikes," says Farrar.

That has been the theme at Centenary for four seasons now . . . oh, those bases on balls. They've made many Gent games an adventure, especially in cozy Centenary Park with its Wrigley Field-like dimensions.

However, Centenary's pitching has improved gradually over the past two seasons under Farrar and looked good in the informal fall season.

And with the staff returning intact from last spring, plus a couple of additions, there is hope the improvement will continue.

Along with streaky pitching in recent years has come a lively offense that has produced plenty of runs more often than not.

Last year Centenary outscored its opponents by 76 runs and hit 34 home runs while allowing only eight. Two years ago the margins were 50 runs and 64-31 in homers.

The prospect for more of the same is good. The nucleus of the attack returns and Farrar notes "we should have more confidence. We'll play for the big inning in the early part of games because of good power. We're not fast, but we have more speed than we've had."

Here is a position-by-position analysis of the Gents' lineup:

PITCHING

"The potential is there, as far as arms are concerned," says Farrar. "We have some good strong arms. It sounds like we're reading this out of a book, but we don't have the consistency. That is from a lack of concentration."

Senior lefthander **KEN BABCOCK,** one of the nation's strikeout leaders last spring when he had a 5-5 record with 4.17 ERA, returns as the staff's ace.

In the preseason outlook, other starters are senior righthander **KIRK TOLSON** (4-2, 5.09 ERA); junior transfer **CULLY McMINN** from Bee County (Tex.) College; and two sophomores—lefty **JAY KELLY** (4-4, 4.83) and righthander **KEN MARKS,** unbeaten (7-0) last year with a team-best 2.07 ERA.

Long relievers—and sometime starters—will be senior righthander **LESLIE JONES** (4-4, 4.50) and sophomore transfer **JOEY BARANIK.**

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The Outlook (cont.)

Short relievers will be junior righthanders **MIKE CLAYMAN** (3-3, 4.30) and **JORDAN STASTNY** (1-1) and freshman lefty **WILLARD ALLUMS.**

CATCHING

"If **(Mitch) ASHMORE's** right shoulder is sound, this is the strongest point of our club," says Farrar.

Ashmore, limited to designated hitter duties much of last spring, has hit .336 and .333 with 81 RBI the past two seasons and has a very strong throwing arm.

KEITH WILHITE (.250, 16 RBI) proved very capable defensively as the starting catcher as a freshman. Backup catchers are junior transfer **BRIAN COODY** and junior **STEVE BRUMFIELD,** who caught four errorless games last season.

INFIELD

It's a scramble at first base—there are many possibilities—but solid otherwise with three fine athletes.

Senior **KEVIN REINHART** played every inning of every game at second base last year and did well after moving to the position just before the season opener. He was the team's top hitter at .358 and had 32 RBI.

The shortstop will be transfer **LARRY KIESLING,** who played at Bee County (Tex.) last year. He showed in the fall that he is one of the team's quality athletes, capable of playing many places.

The same is true of **RICKY SLADE,** who moves to third base from center field, where he was a standout. He led the Gents with six homers and 44 RBI last year—after nine homers and 29 RBI as a freshman—and hit .301.

Best early bet to start at first base is sophomore **ANDY WATSON,** last year's shortstop who showed punch at bat despite a .240 average and, in Farrar's words, "has plenty of ability." **BUBBA ALLEN,** redshirted last year, is a good defensive player there. Other possibles are Ashmore, Brumfield or sophomore **BOBBY BOORAS.**

OUTFIELD

Sophomore **DAVID COSS,** a streak hitter with power and fastest man on the team, proved in the fall he can handle center field, prompting Slade's shift to third.

FLYNN BANKARD, a junior who had a good fall season, is the probable right field starter.

Left field, like first base, could be a scramble. **BOORAS,** last year's third base starter who hit .291 and got on base almost 50 per cent of the time, is a good possibility.

BRUMFIELD, who hit .336 last year, played 32 games in left, but will be the team's top designated hitter. Freshman **WALTER ODEN,** a transfer, will get a good long look and Watson or Allen could play here, too. So could McMinn, if and when he doesn't pitch. Freshman **LELAND SHAW** is a backup.

OVERALL

Reinhart, Ashmore, Slade, Kiesling and Brumfield are the heart of what can be another potent offense. Booras showed a knack for getting on base and Watson, Coss and Bankard all have shown power, although their averages must improve.

Defensively, Farrar figures, "we're stronger when you talk about speed and arms. First base is a question. We may not have a regular . . . the guy with the best bat, or the hot bat, may play there."

The schedule is full, 61 games plus the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, and other than the neighborhood feuds (which are tough enough), includes such notables as national runnerup Arkansas, Texas A&M, Tulsa and Oral Roberts.

But Farrar thinks that "we can beat anyone if we get a well-pitched game." And—start the broken record—it all comes back to pitching.

DR. JAMES C. FARRAR
Head Coach

Put Dr. James C. Farrar in the middle of a group of strangers and he won't be a stranger for long.

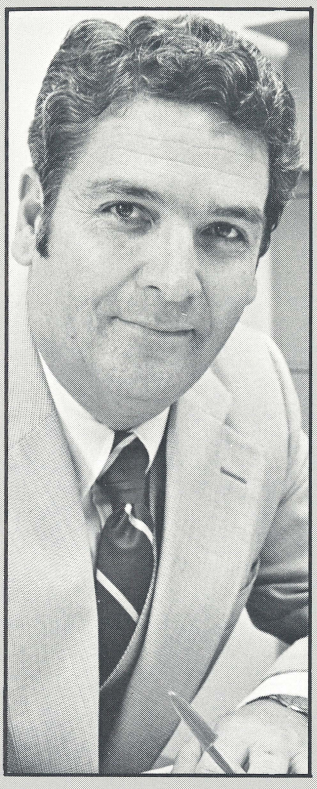
Put him in the middle of a baseball diamond and he's right at home, too.

Next to his family, baseball is the first love of this self-described "fat 'ole country boy."

Actually, Dr. James Farrar does his best to keep his weight down (especially in the baseball season) and anyone who has been around him for any length of time knows his country upbringing has a lot to do with his character.

Well, he IS from Lillie, La.—find that on the map!—and that provides much of the material for his entertaining story-telling and homespun philosophy.

In North Louisiana, and in the baseball world, Farrar has earned a reputation for those stories, for a thorough knowledge of the game and for a love of people.



He stresses discipline, on and off the field. He also stresses winning. Those have been trademarks since he began coaching at Heflin High in 1955.

Nothing changed when he came to Centenary in the fall of '77, his first try at college coaching. Of course, he dealt with older players as a scout and rookie league coach with the Houston Astros for 10 years.

"I have some principles that I am not going to sacrifice," says Farrar. "That's an individual thing. I may be tough on the kids as far as haircuts, curfews, making classes and hustling on the field, but I think they know I'm interested in them as human beings. If they have problems, they know they can come see me.

"I think discipline carries over into baseball itself. And it has carryover value in life itself," he adds. "You have to have dedication and sacrifice in anything you do."

If James Farrar has a pet slogan, it is this: "I would like for the kid to be a better man when he leaves Centenary than when he came here. That is part of my responsibility."

His first two Centenary teams had winning records, something every baseball team Farrar has ever coached can claim.

Still, he seeks more competitiveness from his Gents . . . a will to do well against the best teams in the Southwest. That's why the schedule is improved.

And the improvement in Centenary's program goes much farther than on the playing field. He has guided the facelift of Centenary Park for two years and continues to make plans for further improvement.

There are new uniforms, new practice gear and a thousand other small things that make things easier. And he constantly works to establish the financial foundation for other pride-installing projects.

Farrar has turned down offers for permanent jobs in pro baseball, but his strong friendships and contacts with pro scouts open an avenue for Centenary players.

Farrar got that chance, playing three years in the Detroit Tigers' system in the early 1950's. "Some of my old scouting friends tell me I had a bad body," he laughs. It's a good thing they finally cut me. I'd never have quit."

He then went into coaching and in 20 high school seasons in football and

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Dr. James C. Farrar (cont.)
baseball produced 13 district champions, two state champions and two state runnerups. And he won 13 district and four Louisiana "Coach of the Year" awards.

Farrar, 48, is an asistant professor in Health and Physical Education at Centenary. He has been a school administrator, serving as assistant headmaster at Southfield of Shreveport for four years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Ht. 6-2. Wt. 220. Born July 7, 1931, at El Dorado, Ark. Graduated Bernice (La.) High School, 1948, and Louisiana Tech with B.S. in Education, 1953. Masters' degree in Education at University of Arkansas, 1961, and Doctorate in Physical Education at Northwestern State University, 1975. Wrote Doctoral dissertation on "An Investigation of Selected Motor/Physical Performance Variables for a Sample Population of Professional Baseball Players."

Served U.S. Army, 1953-55. Married Katie Smith on Jan. 29, 1953. Three children—Melody (Mrs. David Duncan), 24; Tammy, 19, a Centenary cheerleader; and Roman, 10.

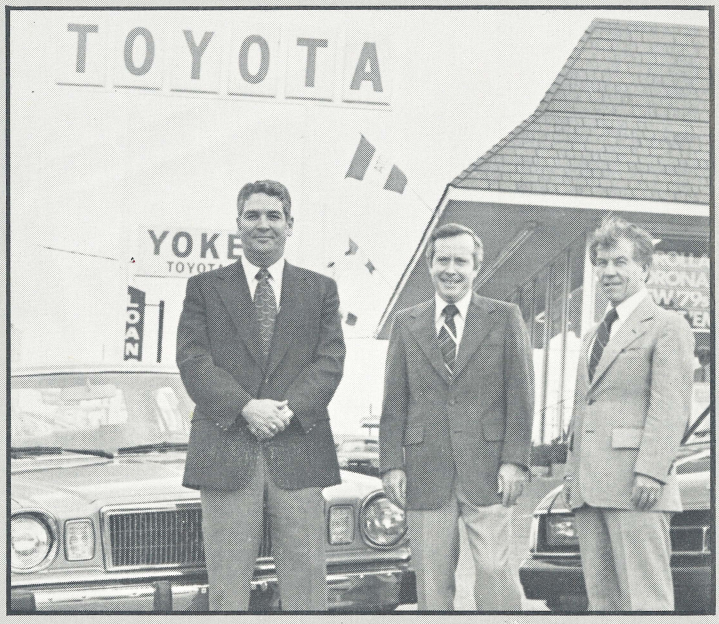
PLAYING CAREER: All-Gulf States Conference catcher at Louisiana Tech, 1951-52. Catcher in Detroit Tigers' system, 1953-56. Player-manager, Minden Red Birds, Big Eight semipro league, 1957-58.

COACHING CAREER: Heflin High (1955), Sibley (1956-61), Fair Park of Shreveport (1961-67), Northwood of Shreveport (1967-71), Natchitoches Academy (1972) and Southfield of Shreveport (1973-77).

Scout, Houston Astros, 1962-71. Rookie League coach, 1968-69.

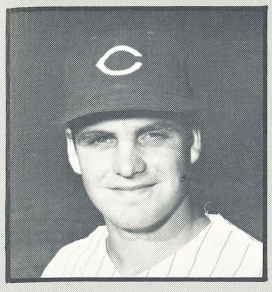
BASEBALL RECORD: 17 years high school, 337-110 (.754) . . . at Fair Park (1962-67), 156-39-4 (.794), Class AAA state champion in 1963 (44-4-1) and 1965 (33-3) . . . Class A state runnerup at Southfield, 1976. Two years college (Centenary), 55-44 (.555).

COACHING HONORS: Louisiana Sports Writers' Assn. state "Coach of the Year"—1965 (Fair Park), 1968 (Northwood), 1976 (Southfield) and, in football, 1968 (Northwood); Ark-La-Tex Baseball Award, 1963.

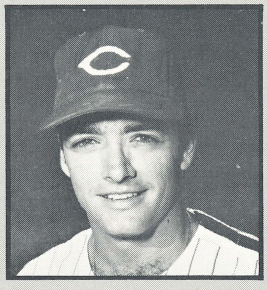


Hoyt Yokem (center), owner of Yokem Toyota in Shreveport, is shown with Centenary baseball coach Dr. James C. Farrar (left) and Centenary cricket coach Dr. Donald A. Webb (right) in front of the automobiles provided by Yokem to them for the 1979-80 school year. Dr. Farrar is driving a '80 Celica and Dr. Webb has a '79 Cressida.

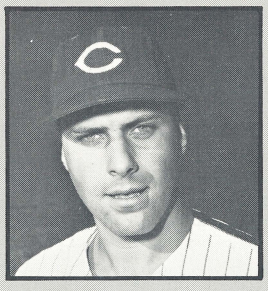
GENTS TO WATCH



MITCH ASHMORE, No. 21, Catcher, 5-11, 190, R/R, Sr., 9-17-58, Natchez, Miss. . . . bothered by an injured shoulder last spring, he still hit .333 with a team-high 36 runs . . . drove in 34 runs and had 10 doubles, two triples, three homers and 34 RBI plus four stolen bases . . . played mostly as DH . . . batted .336 with six doubles, nine homers and team high 47 RBI in '78 . . . chosen in 33rd round by Texas (AL) in summer draft . . . but chose to stay at Centenary . . . "he's a real good hitter who makes contact and has good power and he runs well," says Farrar. "He has outstanding potential. He's improved quite a bit as a catcher since he first came here. He has good bat speed and good sense on the field, he adjusts well to situations" . . . his arm was stronger when spring drills began, so he's scheduled to catch, but could play first base if needed . . . transferred to Centenary from Hinds (Miss.) JC . . . a high school quarterback . . . played in Cape Cod League in summer '78 . . . should be drafted again . . . Health and P.E. major.



KEVIN REINHART, No. 9, Second Base, 5-9, 165, R/R, Sr., 7-11-58, Shreveport . . . Gents' leading hitter last year with .358 average . . . had team high 36 runs and 49 hits . . . had eight doubles, a triple, five homers and 32 RBI . . . played every inning of every game at second base and had only seven errors . . . a clutch hitter and team leader . . . "he had a real good year," says Farrar, "and should have another one. He can make the double play and hit with some power and he's a good competitor" . . . hit two triples and five homers with 18 RBI in the fall . . . played prep football (quarterback) and baseball for Farrar at Southfield . . . Health and P.E. major.



KIRK TOLSON, No. 17, Pitcher, 6-2, 190, R/R, Sr., 10-5-58, Lexington, Ky. . . . a three-year starter on the mound . . . 4-2 last spring with 5.09 ERA . . . started 10 games . . . hardest thrower on Gent squad, but always has had control problems . . . walked 63 (compared to 44 strikeouts) in 47-2/3 innings last year . . . allowed 35 hits . . . "he has a real good arm and he's a competitor," says Farrar. "The key for him is throwing strikes. He works hard and sets a great example for the other players that way" . . . has a good pickoff move and change-up is one of best pitches . . . one of the keys to team's success . . . Business major.

1980 CENTENARY B

PITCHERS (10)

No.	Player	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Age*	Cl-Exp.	Hometow
5	Ken Marks	L-R	5-10	170	20	So-1L	Minden,
6	Jordan Stastny	R-R	5-11	175	21	Jr-2L	Bossier C
11	Joey Baranik	R-R	6-2	180	22	Jr-Tr.	Bossier C
12	Mike Clayman	R-R	6-2	190	21	Jr-2L	Mobile, A
13	Cully McMinn	L-R	5-11	165	22	Jr-Tr.	Corpus C
16	Willard Allums	L-L	6-1	186	18	Fr-HS	Shreveps
17	Kirk Tolson	R-R	6-2	190	21	Sr-3L	Lexingto
19	Ken Babcock	L-L	6-1	195	22	Sr-1L	Cincinnat
22	Jay Kelly	L-L	6-2	200	19	So-1L	Shrevepo
23	Leslie Jones	R-R	6-4	185	22	Sr-3L	Shrevepo

CATCHERS (3)

8	Keith Wilhite	R-R	6-1	165	19	So-1L	Shrevepo
16	Brian Coody	R-R	5-10	170	21	Jr-Tr.	Shrevepo
21	Mitch Ashmore	R-R	5-11	190	21	Sr-2L	Natchez,

INFIELDERS (5)

4	Andy Watson	R-R	6-1	165	19	So-1L	Guthrie,
7	Larry Kiesling	R-R	6-2	180	20	Jr-Tr.	Kenedy,
9	Kevin Reinhart	R-R	5-9	165	21	Sr-1L	Shrevepo
15	Bubba Allen	R-R	6-0	180	19	Fr-RS	Shrevepo
18	Ricky Slade	R-R	6-3	185	21	Jr-2L	Bossier C

OUTFIELDERS (6)

1	Bobby Booras	L-R	5-11	155	19	So-1L	Shrevepo
3	Steve Brumfield	R-R	5-7	148	21	Jr-2L	Bossier C
10	David Coss	R-R	5-11	170	20	So-1L	Shrevepo
14	Leland Shaw	L-R	6-1	170	19	Fr-HS	Shrevepo
24	Flynn Bankard	R-R	6-3	195	20	Jr-2L	Moorings
25	Walter Oden	R-R	5-11	175	20	Fr-Tr.	Elysian Fi

*age as of March 1, 1980

COACH: Dr. James C. Farrar (No. 20)

NUMERIC

1 Bobby Booras, 1F-OF
2 Brian Coody, C
3 Steve Brumfield, OF-C
4 Andy Watson, IF-OF
5 Ken Marks, P
6 Jordan Stastny, P
7 Larry Kiesling, SS
8 Keith Wilhite, C
9 Kevin Reinhart, 2B
10 David C
11 Joey Ba
12 Mike Cl
13 Cully M
14 Leland
15 Bubba
16 Willard
17 Kirk Tol

BASEBALL ROSTER

	1979 STATISTICS							
n (High School)	**G**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**IP**	**H**	**BB**	**SO**	**ER**
La. (Minden)	16	7-0	2.07	61	49	20	36	14
ity, La. (Bossier)	6	1-1	10.09	10.2	10.2	12	18	15
ity, La. (Airline)								
la. (University Military)	12	3-3	4.30	37.2	40	15	20	18
hristi, Tex. (M. Carroll)								
rt, La. (Northwood)								
, Ky. (Bryan Station)	13	4-2	5.09	47.2	35	63	44	27
, Ohio (Princeton)	13	5-5	4.17	77.2	72	48	90	36
rt, La. (Northwood)	11	4-4	4.83	44.2	36	36	46	24
rt, La. (Jesuit)	11	4-4	4.50	44	54	14	41	22

	G	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**2B**	**3B**	**HR**	**RBI**	**Avg.**
rt, La. (Northwood)	33	88	20	22	4	1	1	16	.250
rt, La. (Southfield)									
Miss. (South Adams)	45	141	36	47	10	2	3	34	.333
Okla. (Guthrie)	36	100	19	24	2	0	5	20	.240
Tex. (Kenedy)									
rt, La. (Southfield)	47	137	36	49	8	1	5	32	.358
rt, La. (Capt. Shreve)	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
ity, La. (Parkway)	47	143	28	43	9	3	6	44	.301
rt, La. (Capt. Shreve)	39	110	33	32	4	0	0	11	.291
ity, La. (Bossier)	43	140	33	47	11	1	5	28	.336
rt, La. (Southwood)	41	88	21	21	2	2	3	12	.239
rt, La. (Northwood)									
port, La. (Northwood)	35	64	8	9	0	0	2	5	.141
ields, Tex. (E. Fields)									

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Shaw, OF
Allen, 1B-OF
Allums, P
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18 Ricky Slade, 3B-OF
19 Ken Babcock, P
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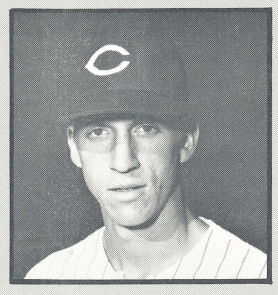
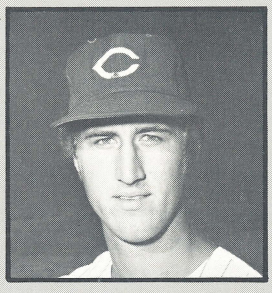
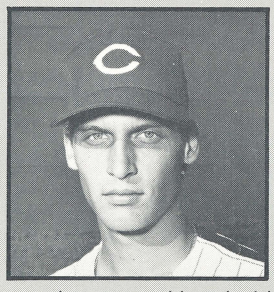


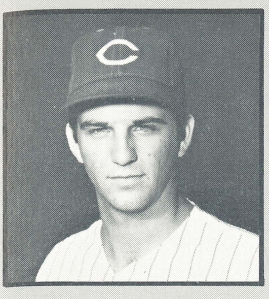
KEN BABCOCK, No. 19, 6-1, 195, L/L, Sr., 1-24-58, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . the Gents' No. 1 pitcher last spring and should be again this year . . . ranked 11th nationally in strikeouts with 10.4 per game average . . . had 90 strikeouts in 77-2/3 innings . . . pitched tough games for Gents and had 5-5 record with seven complete games . . . taken in 30th round of summer draft by Oakland (AL) . . . had 4.17 ERA . . . most impressive game was a 15-inning win over Louisiana Tech in which he threw over 200 pitches and struck out 19 . . . pitched one-hit shutout vs. Louisiana College and struck out 10 in 2-1 loss to Northeast Louisiana . . . "he can be an outstanding college pitcher," says Farrar. "He's capable of beating anyone he faces. He has a good, live arm and his breaking pitch is improved. He's a hard worker and good competitor and he should be drafted again" . . . transferred to Centenary from Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College where he was 9-2 in two seasons . . . product of Princeton High in Cincinnati . . . good hitter, too, played two games in outfield last spring . . . played soccer for Centenary . . . Business major.



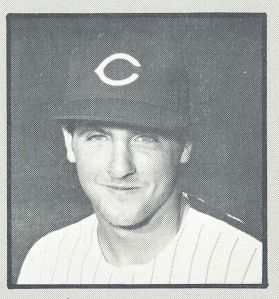
RICKY SLADE, No. 18, Third Base, 6-3, 185, R/R, Jr., 1-14-59, Bossier City . . . top power hitter last spring with nine doubles, three triples, six homers and 44 RBI . . . batted .301 after a .297 freshman season when he had nine homers and 29 RBI . . . can play any position, but settled in center field last year . . . now switches to third base . . . "he has outstanding potential," says Farrar. "He has good size, runs well, has a strong arm and enough power to be fooled and still hit the ball out of the park. He's a prospect" . . . a football-baseball star at Parkway High . . . Business major.



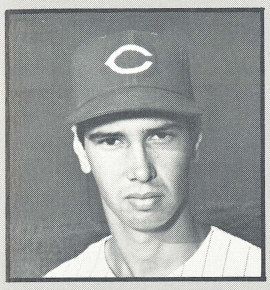
LARRY KIESLING, No. 7, Shortstop, 6-2, 180, R/R, Jr., 7-9-59, Kenedy, Tex. . . . transfer from Bee County (Tex.) College . . . led Gents in hitting in fall season with .419 average . . . had eight doubles, three triples, five homers and 16 RBI . . . played centerfield for Bee County last spring, hitting over .300 and earning his team's MVP and Silver Bat awards . . . proved he could play shortstop for Gents . . . "he has outstanding tools and I believe he's a pro prospect," says Farrar. "He has a good arm, good hands, hits with power and he can run. I look for him to have a great year." . . . two-time all-district shortstop at Kenedy High . . . prep All-American in baseball and track . . . Business major.



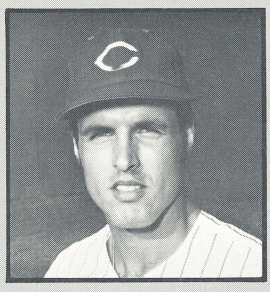
HARRY (BUBBA) ALLEN, No. 15, 1B-OF, 6-0, 180, R/R, Fr., 3-19-60, Shreveport . . . hit in face by fly ball in his second game last spring and suffered broken nose and eye injury . . . was awarded redshirt status and is still a freshman . . . batted .240 in 17 fall games . . . "he hit well before he was hurt and he can be a good defensive first baseman," says Farrar . . . will be used in the outfield, too . . . four-sport letterman at Captain Shreve High, all-district in baseball . . . Health and P.E. major.



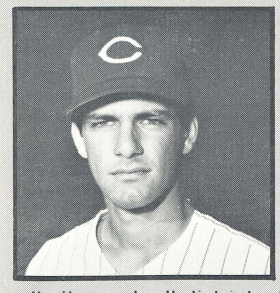
WILLARD ALLUMS, No. 16, P, 6-1, 186, L/L, Fr., 6-9-61, Shreveport . . . will be used mostly as a reliever this season . . . shared "Outstanding Player" honors in District 1-AAA last sring when he was 7-1 in leading Northwood to the state playoffs and a 19-6 record . . . pitched a no-hitter and struck out 97 in 62-2/3 innings . . . had a 2.01 ERA . . . had a 17-3 career record and hit .435 with 11 doubles, 18 RBI and 16 stolen bases last year . . . also played four years of football and was a top hurdler for three years . . . Health and P.E. major.



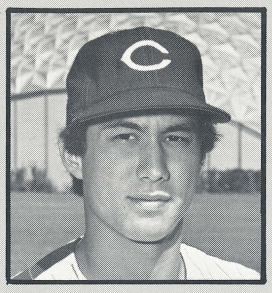
FLYNN BANKARD, No. 24, OF, 6-3, 195, R/R, Jr., 6-30-59, Mooringsport, La. . . . ticketed for the starting right field spot, but must improve at the plate to hold the job . . . batted .141 last spring, but looked better in fall with .268 . . . has hit five homers in two seasons and driven in 18 runs . . . "he runs well, has a strong arm and has occasional power," says Farrar . . . all-district for Northwood High two years ago . . . Health and P.E. major.



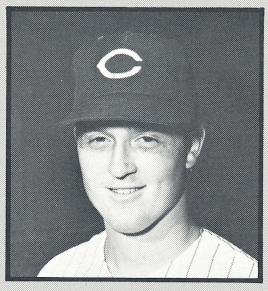
JOEY BARANIK, No. 11, P, 6-2, 180, Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R, 1-24-58, Bossier City . . . long reliever and spot starter who was 4-1 in the fall season . . . pitched for East Texas Baptist in 77, then attended LSU-Shreveport for 1½ years . . . he was 1-0 with a 1.50 ERA in 35 innings for ETBC . . . "he has good control, but he's having to adjust after not pitching for a couple of years," says Farrar . . . "Outstanding Player" in District 2-AAAA for Airline High in '76 when he had a 10-3 record, 117 strikeouts in 96 innings and a 0.76 ERA . . . Business major.



BOBBY BOORAS, No. 1, IF-OF, 5-11, 155, L/R, Soph., 4-8-60, Shreveport . . . his 12-game hitting streak was best on the club last year . . . batted .291 with 33 runs scored and 11 RBI last spring . . . walked 40 times in 39 games and struck out only nine times . . . reached base over 50 per cent . . . regular at third base after brief time at shortstop . . . could play in the outfield this year . . . "he can do an adequate job at a lot of places," says Farrar, "and he's a good leadoff hitter" . . . all-city and all-district shortstop for Captain Shreve . . . Business major.

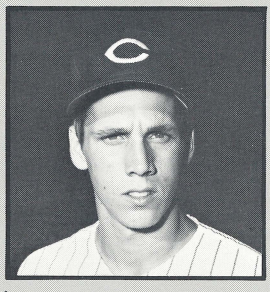


STEVE BRUMFIELD, No. 3, DH-OF-C, 5-7, 148, R/R, Jr., 2-18-59, Bossier City . . . a .336 hitter last spring with team high 11 doubles . . . also had one triple, five homers and 28 RBI . . . primarily a DH, but played 32 games in left field and caught four games . . . "no question about him as a hitter," says Farrar. "He makes contact, stings the ball real well" . . . unusual batting style with no stride . . . Class AAAA All-State catcher for Bossier High . . . did not play in fall season . . . Health and P.E. major.

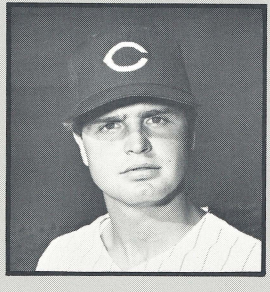


MIKE CLAYMAN, No. 12, P, 6-2, 190, R/R, Jr., 1-24-59, Mobile, Ala. . . . 3-3 in 12 appearances last spring with three complete games . . . had 4.30 ERA . . . good control with 15 walks in 37-2/3 innings . . . primarily a short reliever with a good sinker . . . "he keeps the ball down and he gets a lot of ground balls," says Farrar, "and he usually pitches best with men on base in tight situations" . . . had 17-5 prep record at University Military School in Mobile . . . Accounting major.

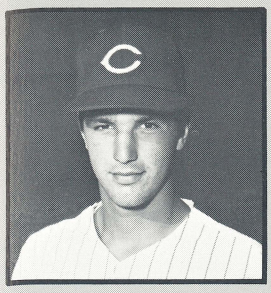
BRIAN COODY, No. 2, IF-OF-C, 5-10, 170, R/R, Jr., 1-17-59, Shreveport . . . transfer from Tyler (Tex.) Junior College . . . a versatile athlete who can catch, play in the infield or the outfield . . . batted .317 in the fall season with a homer and eight RBI . . . all-district two years for Farrar at Southfield where he was a first baseman-pitcher . . . all-city Legion player, too, and all-district in football . . . Business Administration (pre-law) major.



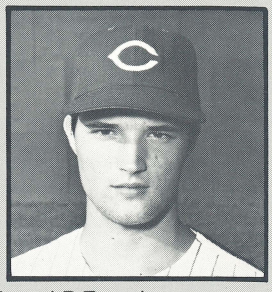
DAVID COSS, No. 10, OF, 5-11, 170, R/R, Soph., 1-20-60, Shreveport . . . pegged as starting centerfielder . . . after brief trial at third base, moved back to outfield last spring . . . hit .239 with two doubles, two triples, three homers and 12 RBI . . . hit .346 in 26 fall games and drove in 13 runs . . . fastest man on team, a high school sprinter . . . "he can be a good outfielder and a big asset to us with his speed and power," says Farrar . . . all-district and all-city outfielder at Southwood . . . outstanding student, Business major.



LESLIE JONES, No. 23, P, 6-4, 185, R/R, Sr., 4-16-57, Shreveport . . . 4-4 with 4.50 ERA last year . . . will be a spot starter and long reliever . . . outstanding effort with 6-1/3 scoreless relief innings for win over Northwestern last spring . . . control pitcher, 41 strikeouts to 14 walks in 44 innings . . . "he's the hardest worker on the club," says Farrar, "with a good curve ball and the ability to be a winner" . . . two-sport star at Jesuit High . . . Health and P.E. major.

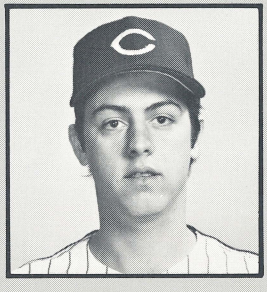


JAY KELLY, No. 22, P, 6-2, 200, L/L, Soph. 4-16-60, Shreveport . . . 4-4 last spring with 4.83 ERA and 36 walks, 46 strikeouts in 44-2/3 innings . . . counted on as a starter again . . . had 5-2 record in fall . . . "he has a live arm," says Farrar, "and the right attitude for a pitcher because pressure doesn't bother him. He looks real good at times, but needs more consistency" . . . all-district 1-AAA, all-city and all-parish pitcher for Northwood High in '78 with 110 strikeouts in 77 innings . . . Health and P.E. major.

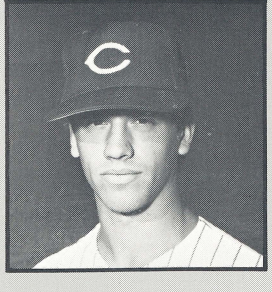


KEN MARKS, No. 5, P, 5-10, 170, L/R, Soph., 12-15-60, Minden . . . team-high 16 appearances last spring and was 7-0 with low ERA of 2.07 . . . worked 61 innings, six complete games (in seven starts), walking 20 and striking out 36 . . . will be a starter . . . "he's a battler," says Farrar, "with lots of confidence in himself and good control. He won't beat himself with walks" . . . "Outstanding Player" in District 2-AAAA for Minden in '78, then also "Outstanding" in Legion baseball for Beacon Gas of Minden two years . . . Health and P.E. major.

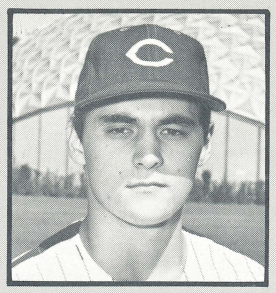
CULLY McMINN, No. 13, P-IF-OF, 5-11, 165, L/R, Jr., 12-13-58, Corpus Christi, Tex. . . . transfer from Bee County (Tex.) College where he played in '78 . . . will be used as a pitcher, but could play first base or outfield because of bat and defensive ability . . . consistent .300 hitter at Bee County and at Mary Carroll High (Corpus Christi) . . . all-district and all-tournament three times, twice as MVP . . . 12-2 with 10 saves in '77 when he also hit .369, seven homers and 28 RBI . . . pitcher for Connie Mack World Series champs in '76 . . . Health and P.E. major.



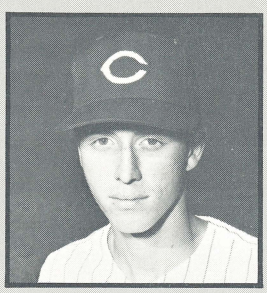
WALTER ODEN, No. 25, OF, 5-11, 175, R/R, Fr., 8-28-59, Elysian Fields, Tex. . . . transfer from Kilgore (Tex.) College, which did not field a baseball team . . . a seven-sport athlete at Elysian Fields and all-district in football, basketball, baseball and golf . . . won district golf title . . . his team's MVP in baseball . . . "we know he's capable on defense," says Farrar, "but we'll have to see about his hitting," . . . his dad, Gene, is a former pro player and principal at Elysian Fields . . . Health and P.E. major.



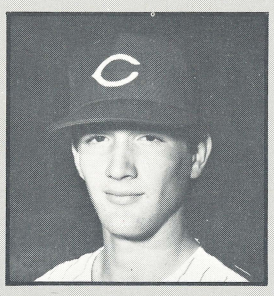
LELAND SHAW, No. 14, OF, 6-1, 170, L/R, Fr., 1-12-61, Shreveport . . . All-State outfielder for Northwood High who hit .409 overall last spring and .538 in District 1-AAA play . . . figures to be in a backup role for the Gents because of experienced players in front of him . . . best asset is speed . . . batted only nine times in the Gents' fall season . . . two-sport star at Northwood, also making all-district and all-city as a running back in football . . . Health and P.E. major.



JORDAN STASTNY, No. 6, P, 5-11, 175, R/R, Jr., 2-26-59, Bossier City . . . had a good freshman season, but slipped last spring . . . appeared in six games, half of them starts, for only 10-2/3 innings . . . had 1-1 record with 10.09 ERA . . . as a freshman, had 20 appearances with a 4-2 record and team low 3.13 ERA . . . "he has a good curveball and when he gets the ball over the plate, he's an asset," says Farrar . . . "Outstanding Player" in District 2-AAAA as a senior at Bossier High . . . did not play in fall season . . . Business major.



ANDY WATSON, No. 4, IF-OF, 6-1, 165, R/R, Soph., 7-31-60, Guthrie, Okla. . . . starting shortstop last spring, but will play either first base or in the outfield this time . . . batted .240 last year with five homers and 20 RBI and stole six bases . . . half of his fall hits were for extra bases, four doubles and a homer . . . "he has good tools," says Farrar. "The ball jumps off his bat and he runs well. What he needs is more experience and more confidence" . . . also hit with plenty of power at Guthrie High . . . Health and P.E. major.



KEITH WILHITE, No. 8, C, 6-1, 165, R/R, Soph., 3-23-60, Shreveport . . . proved last spring he can be the Gents' No. 1 catcher when needed . . . caught in 26 games, most of them as the starter once Mitch Ashmore was injured . . . batted .250 with 16 RBI, four doubles, a triple and a homer . . . "he's very capable," says Farrar, "especially on defense. He handles pitchers well. He's real conscientious and studies the game" . . . hit two homers in fall season . . . All-State Class AAA catcher for Northwood High . . . Health and P.E. major.

CENTENARY BASEBALL AND THE PROS

In the last three years, Centenary has had three baseball players sign pro contracts and two players drafted.

Still active in minor league ball are outfielder Wayne Rohlfing (Chicago Cubs' system) and catcher Tom Brummer (Boston Red Sox' chain), both Centenary seniors in 1978. Pitcher Ken Babcock and catcher Mitch Ashmore were drafted last summer, but chose to return to Centenary for their senior seasons.

Centenary's most famous baseball product is Cecil Upshaw, who signed with the Braves after his Gent career (1961-64) and pitched in the major leagues 10 years with five clubs.

THE TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

A year ago, Centenary hosted the first annual Trans America Athletic Conference baseball tournament.

The Division I league is in its second year and has expanded from seven members to 10 this year. League headquarters are in Shreveport's American Tower with veteran coach and administrator Bob Vanatta serving as the conference's capable commissioner.

Not all the schools field baseball teams, but the ones that do offer the potential for a very strong conference.

Pan American (Edinburg, Tex.) is an annual NCAA Tournament participant. Mercer (Macon, Ga.), last year's league champ, has a great baseball tradition. So does newcomer Georgia Southern, (Statesboro, Ga.) a long-time power in NCAA Division II.

New additions Arkansas-Little Rock and Northwestern State (Natchitoches, La.) are always competitive, as are Northeast Louisiana (Monroe), Hardin-Simmons (Abilene, Tex.) and Centenary.

Mercer will host the league tournament May 1-3.

The conference decides championships in basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, cross country and soccer.

CENTENARY BASEBALL YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	Coach	Record	Pct.
1979	James C. Farrar	28-19	.596
1978	James C. Farrar	27-25	.519
1977	Glenn Evans	13-37-1	.265
1976	Glenn Evans	24-16	.600
1975	Taylor Moore	14-21	.400
1974	Taylor Moore	22-19	.537
1973	Orvis Sigler	13-17	.433
1972	Orvis Sigler	10-30	.250
1971	Val Tucker	14-24	.368
1970	Larry Little	13-18	.419
1969	Larry Little	21-8	.724
1968	Don McKinney	18-16-1	.529
1967	Doug Mooty	12-9	.571
1966	Doug Mooty	18-6	.750
1965	Doug Mooty	11-8	.579
1964	Doug Mooty	10-6	.625
1963	Doug Mooty	11-11	.500
1962	Doug Mooty	10-6	.625
1961	Doug Mooty	3-15	.167
1960	Doug Mooty	6-11	.353
1959	Doug Mooty	12-8	.600
1958	Harold Mooty	5-4	.556
1957	Edgar Burks	8-12	.400
1956	Edgar Burks	14-10	.583

CENTENARY COLLEGE
1980 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (No. Games)	Time	Site
	FEBRUARY		
29 (Fri.)	LSU-Alexandria (2)	1 p.m.	Alexandria, La.
	MARCH		
1 (Sat.)	Stephen F. Austin (2)	1 p.m.	Nacogdoches, Tex.
4 (Tue.)	Louisiana Tech (1)	1 p.m.	Ruston, La.
5 (Wed.)	E. Texas Baptist (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
6 (Thu.)	Southern Arkansas (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
8 (Sat.)	Arkansas-Little Rock (2)	1:30 p.m.	Little Rock, Ark.
9 (Sun.)	Arkansas-Little Rock (1)	1:30 p.m.	Little Rock, Ark.
12 (Wed.)	Texas A&M (2)	12 noon	College Station, Tex.
14 (Fri.)	Hardin-Simmons (1)	6 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
15 (Sat.)	Hardin-Simmons (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
18 (Tue.)	Grambling (2)	1 p.m.	Grambling, La.
19 (Wed.)	Louisiana College (2)	5 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
20 (Thu.)	Northwestern State (1)	7:15 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
22 (Sat.)	Stephen F. Austin (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
23 (Sun.)	Northeast Louisiana (2)	1 p.m.	Monroe, La.
25 (Tue.)	Louisiana Tech (1)	7:15 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
26 (Wed.)	E. Texas Baptist (2)	1 p.m.	Marshall, Tex.
27 (Thu.)	LeTourneau (2)	1 p.m.	Longview, Tex.
30 (Sun.)	Tulsa U. (2)	1 p.m.	Tulsa, Okla.
31 (Mon.)	Oral Roberts (1)	1 p.m.	Tulsa, Okla.
	APRIL		
1 (Tue.)	Arkansas (2)	1 p.m.	Fayetteville, Ark.
8 (Tue.)	Southern Arkansas (2)	1 p.m.	Magnolia, Ark.
9 (Wed.)	Wiley (1)	2 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
10 (Thu.)	Carroll College (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
12 (Sat.)	Arkansas-Little Rock (2)	1:30 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
13 (Sun.)	Arkansas-Little Rock (1)	1:30 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
15 (Tue.)	Northeast Louisiana (1)	7:30 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
16 (Wed.)	Louisiana College (2)	1 p.m.	Pineville, La.
18 (Fri.)	Hardin-Simmons (1)	7:30 p.m.	Abilene, Tex.
19 (Sat.)	Hardin-Simmons (2)	1 p.m.	Abilene, Tex.
21 (Mon.)	LeTourneau (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
22 (Tue.)	Northwestern State (1)	1:30 p.m.	Natchitoches, La.
24 (Thu.)	Grambling (2)	5 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
25 (Fri.)	Baptist Christian (2)	5 p.m.	Shreveport, La.
26 (Sat.)	LSU-Alexandria (2)	1 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
28 (Mon.)	Baptist Christian (2)	5 p.m.	CENTENARY PARK
	MAY		
1-3 (Thu.-Sat.)	TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY		Macon, Ga.